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Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 117 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/61/592 and Add.1-4.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 52nd, 54th, 55th and 58th meetings, on 24 and 29 May and 1 and 27 June 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/61/SR.52, 54, 55 and 58).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Revised estimates resulting from decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from decision S-4/101 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth special session (A/61/530/Add.2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth session (A/61/530/Add.3);

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/917);

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(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women for 2007 (A/62/897);

(e) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/924);

Review of logical frameworks for special political missions

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of logical frameworks for special political missions for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007 (A/61/890);

(g) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/919).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.54

4. At its 58th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007" (A/C.5/61/L.54), submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representatives of Kenya, Angola and Greece, also a Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

5. Before the consideration of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon and Japan.

6. The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the right of reply.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.54 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

The General Assembly,

I

Revised estimates resulting from decision S-4/101 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth special session in 2006 and resolutions adopted at its fourth session in 2007

Recalling section V of its resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from decision S-4/101 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth special session in 2006 and on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth session in 2007[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from decision S-4/101 adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth special session in 2006 and on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fourth session in 2007;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

II

Financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Recalling its decision 61/555 of 4 April 2007,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

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[1] A/61/530/Add.2 and Add.3.
[2] A/61/917.
[3] A/61/897.
[4] A/61/924.

3. *Reaffirms* that regular budget resources shall not be used to finance the activities of the Institute, in accordance with articles VI and VII of its statute;

4. *Notes* that the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women has previously asked for supplementary funds from the regular budget on an exceptional basis;

5. *Reiterates* its appeal to Member States, as a matter of urgency, to contribute voluntary funds in support of the Institute and to honour existing pledges;

6. *Calls upon* the Institute to formulate its budget in such a way as to align it more closely with the volume of voluntary resources available to it;

7. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, in his report on the Institute to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, to offer solutions for placing the financial situation of the Institute on a more stable basis without recourse to regular budget funding, in line with the statute of the Institute;

8. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount up to 367,800 United States dollars under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, subject to full reimbursement, pending receipt of voluntary contributions;

III
Review of logical frameworks for special political missions for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007

Recalling section VII, paragraph 7, of its resolution 61/252 of 22 December 2006,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review of logical frameworks for special political missions for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007,[5] as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

2. *Endorses* the proposal of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 7 of his report.

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[5] A/61/890.

[6] A/61/919.